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wherein the value R of the resistance being equal to  $\rho L/\ell e$ , the value of the length L, width  $\ell$ , and the thickness e being defined such that a mass of the flat conductor resists electrical arcing without exceeding 300°C.

## Please add the following new Claims 18-30 as follows:

18. (New) A high voltage resistance, comprising:

at least one support and a flat conductor with length L, width  $\ell$  and thickness e fixed to the support and with a given resistivity  $\rho$ ,

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wherein the value R of the resistance being equal to pL/le, the value of the length L, width l, and the thickness e being defined such that a mass of the flat conductor resists electrical arcing without exceeding a given temperature,

wherein said resistance is folded on itself.

- 19. (New) Resistance according to claim 18, wherein said support is an organic substrate.
- 20. (New) Resistance according to claim 18, wherein said conductor is fixed to the support by means of an organic glue.
- 21. (New) Resistance according to claim 18, wherein said flat conductor is in the shape of a coil.
- 22. (New) Resistance according to claim 21, wherein said flat conductor comprises parallel straight segments.
- 23. (New) Resistance according to claim 22, wherein said flat conductor comprises a nickel alloy.
- 24. (New) Resistance according to claim 23, wherein said flat conductor is covered by an insulating layer.

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- 25. (New) Resistance according to claim 24, wherein said insulating layer is an organic substrate.
- 26. (New) Resistance according to claim 25, wherein said organic substrate is fixed to a ceramic support.
- 27. (New) Resistance according to claim 26, wherein said organic substrate is fixed on the two sides of a ceramic support.
- 28. (New) Resistance according to claim 27, further comprising connection wires, with ends soldered onto connection strips of said flat conductor.
- 29. (New) Resistance according to claim 28, wherein said resistance is fixed to the bottom of a ceramic casing.
- 30. (New) Resistance according to claim 29, wherein said resistance is protected by a resin poured in said casing.

## REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-14 and 18-30 are presently active in this case. The present amendment amends Claim 1 and adds new Claims 18-30. The above amended shows the amended claims in clean form, the attachment shows a marked-up copy for the Examiner's convenience.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Collins. Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Roberts et al. Claim 4 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Roberts in view of Mitsuo. Claims 5 and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over